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In re application of :
Donald J. Ehrlich et al. :
Application No. 09/742,584 :
Filed: December 21, 2000 :
For: ANTI-LOCK BRAKE SYSTEM FOR A :
VEHICLE, SUCH AS A TRUCK OR :
A TRAILER, INCLUDING BACK-UP :
ALARM AND/OR LAMPS :

**DECISION ON
PETITION TO ACCEPT
LATE PAPER**

This is in response to applicants' communication filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) on May 15, 2003. That communication is being treated as a petition to accept a late paper.

The petition is **DISMISSED as moot**.

A review of the application file reveals that a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee(s) Due were mailed on February 25, 2003.

Applicants submit that an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was timely filed before issuance of the Notice of Allowance. A further review reveals that the original IDS of February 27, 2003 has since been matched with the file. That original IDS was timely filed before the issuance of the Notice of Allowance. Since the original of the IDS in question is now in the file, there is no need to treat the petition on the merits and it is therefore dismissed as moot.

This application will be forwarded to the Supervisory Legal Instruments Examiner for entry of the IDS filed February 27, 2003 into the application file wrapper, before forwarding to the examiner for consideration.

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